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SUMMARY. WITH KCIA DEVELOPING INTO DIET ISSUE, JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY (JSP) HAS DECIDED TO SEND INVESTIGATORY TEAM TO WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JANUARY 21, JSP ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD SEND TWO OF ITS DIETMEN TO US TO GATHER INFORMATION ON BOTH REPORTED LINKS BETWEEN KCIA AND JAPANESE POLITICIANS AND ON INVESTIGATION OF KCIA BRIBES TO US CONGRESSMEN. JCP'S FACT-FINDING MISSION WILL INCLUDE UPPER HOUSE DIETMEN SATOSHI NODA AND HIDEO DEN, WHO IS VICE PRESIDENT OF JSP'S AD HOC COMMITTEE ON KOREAN PROBLEMS. THEY PLAN TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON AT END OF FEBRUARY AND INTEND TO MEET WITH USG OFFICIALS INVESTIGATING KCIA ALLEGATIONS. ALSO HOPE TO DISCUSS US POLICY ON KOREA WITH CARTER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. COMMENT. COMMUNIST DIETMAN HASHIMOTO'S INVESTIGATION INTO KCIA SCANDAL IN WASHINGTON HAS PRODUCED SEVERAL NATIONWIDE HEADLINES SO FAR, AND KCIA COULD BECOME SIGNIFICANT ISSUE IN FORTHCOMING DIET SESSION. JSP WAS INITIALLY CAUTIOUS ABOUT SENDING PROBE MISSION TO US BUT NOW SEEMS TO FEEL IT MUST GET ON BANDWAGON. RUMOR

HAS IT THAT CLEAN GOVERNMENT PARTY (CGP) WILL ALSO DECIDE TO SEND A MISSION. HODGSON

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